

1310 AGENCY WITH CHOICE DEFINITIONS

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Individual Representative (IR) – For AWC only, Individual Representative is defined in regulation (R9-28-509), as a “parent, family member, guardian, advocate, or other person authorized by the individual to serve as a representative in connection with the provision of services and supports. If a member is unable to fulfill the co-employment roles and responsibilities on their own, an Individual Representative may be appointed to assist them in directing their care. The role of an Individual Representative is to act on the member’s behalf in choosing and directing care, including representing the member during the service planning process and approving the service plan. R9-28-509 and Section 1915 (k) of the Social Security Act, prohibit an Individual Representative from serving as a member’s paid Direct Care Worker. For the purposes of this chapter, the term “member” means the member or the member’s Individual Representative.

Direct Care Worker (DCW) – A person who assists an elderly person or an individual with a disability with activities necessary to allow them to reside in their home. These individuals may also be known as Direct Support Professionals.